

REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed on February 23, 2005, the Examiner determined that claims 1 – 23 are allowed. However, several informalities in the specification were identified for change.

As described above, the paragraph beginning at line 18 of page 2 has been amended to properly identify the patent application as now being United States Patent 6,745,749. Similarly, the paragraph beginning at line 5 of page 3 has been amended to identify the patent application as now being United States Patent 6,845,312.

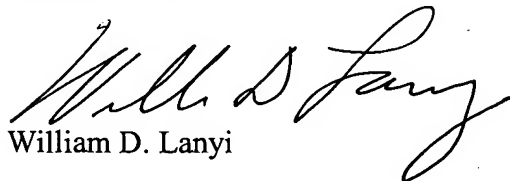
With regard to the use of reference numeral “51” at line 1 of page 10, that reference should have been deleted during a rough draft stage of the application. Initially, the vertical dashed lines, in Figure 3, were intended to be given numeric references rather than the “T0”, “T1”, and “T2” as shown in Figure 3. When that technique was changed, the reference to “51” was not deleted from the specification. Accordingly, applicant has amended the paragraph which begins at line 1 of page 10 by deleting the phrase “represented by line 51.”

Since all of the claims have been allowed, they are not shown above. Applicant believes that this conforms with the requirements for submitting amendments.

Applicant is providing formal drawings to replace the originally filed drawings which are informal.

In view of the changes made to the specification of the subject patent application and in further view of the above discussion, applicant respectfully requests Examiners reconsideration of the subject patent application and expeditious allowance of claims 1 – 23.

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